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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Curently Amended) Device for a substantially simultaneous synthesis of a plurality of samples comprising a support plate having a plurality of cavities which, under formation of rows, are regularly arranged in a repeated raster, and which are adapted to receive micro-beads, wherein a detachable cover is provided, which has barriers of a defined width, said barriers cover and space apart at least one respective cavity associated to one row of cavities in such a manner that capillary gaps are formed between the micro-beads and the barriers, wherein the capillary gaps are formed by a space resulting from the micro-beads projecting from out of the cavities, with one dosageable liquid supply means being associated to each of said capillary gaps, and so large a recess remains between two respective adjacent barriers that said recess is capillary inactive.

2. (Previously presented) Device as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cover is formed by a transparent plate, into which parallel indentations are inserted for formation of larger recesses. F-6765

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corrected and is now properly shown as having been "Currently Amended", instead of merely as "Amended", as inadvertently previously shown.

This is the only change or correction that has been made to this page.

This response is being filed within the allowed one month period for response, therefor, an extension of time is not required, and no fee for an extension of time is presently due.

No other fees are believed due with the filing of this response, however, if any other fees are due, they should be charged to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

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